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the progress accomplished in agriculture as well as to various growing industries of the Republic. In this connection his statements regarding the commercial and industrial activities of "les Nord-Américains" are decidedly unfair. He has not escaped falling into the error common to many Europeans who visit Mexico. No doubt, had he stayed longer in the country his opinion would have radically changed. He would have realized that most of Mexico's progress is due to contact with the people north of them; also that the material prosperity and comfort of a rising Mexican bourgeoisie has followed in the wake of American enterprise. His friendship towards his hospitable hosts has evidently prevented him from giving expression to the apprehension felt by every well wisher of Mexico in her present plight. Recent events, however, have brought to light certain phases of Mexican deficiency to which the writer has abstained from alluding. It is unfortunate that the book must be read with due provision in mind for this omission. The fact is that the writer has succeeded in giving an account of the country in the state of progress to which Diaz's ability brought it. As such his book will always be valuable.

LEON DOMINIAN.

**Panama. The Canal, The Country, and The People.** By Albert Edwards. x and 585 pp. Maps, ills., index. The Macmillan Co., New York. 1911. \$2.50. 8 x 5½.

Our people have had Panama served to them in small and large doses for a number of years, and they may be so surfeited that a book with the above title may not appeal strongly to them. Although there is no new material in many chapters, yet the book is written with such freshness of treatment, and impressions are so vividly conveyed, that it is a worthy contribution to the already large library on Panama.

In a few chapters the author describes the two terminal cities of the Canal, the people, the republic, and gives a little of the geography of the Isthmus. Twenty chapters follow on the history of Panama, much of it bearing more or less directly on the growth of the republic, beginning with the discoveries of Columbus and ending with current topics. The book ends with a few chapters on the subsidiary problems of the canal, such as the management of the Canal Zone, the sanitation of the area, the life of the transplanted Americans, and the leaders of the undertaking. Altogether the book covers a large number of subjects relating to Panama, and it seems to have been carefully compiled.

R. M. BROWN.

### SOUTH AMERICA

**Brazil, its Natural Riches and Industries.** (Foreign Edition.) Vol. I: Preface—Productive Industry. 384 pp. Maps,\* ills. Vol. II: Agriculture, Communications, Manufacturing. 418 pp. Ills. Comissão d'Expansão Económica do Brasil. Aillaud, Alves & Co., Paris. 1910. 11 x 7½.

An official two-volume publication (foreign edition in English) issued by the Brazilian Government to supply information relating to all the industries carried on in the country.

A third of Vol. I is devoted to brief summaries of Brazilian history, geography and geology, growth of population by immigration, and advantages for commerce. The productive (extractive?) industries discussed are: (1) those

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\* Listed under "Brazil" in *Bull.*, Vol. 43, 1911, p. 876, and under "Historical" in Vol. 44, April, 1912, p. 320.